

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 74
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James R. McNally, Jr. of
Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of the Tennessee General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of James R. McNally, Jr. of Oak Ridge, father of our own Senator Randy McNally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNally was retired at the time of his death, having formerly been a physicist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory where he was highly respected and admired by his peers; and

WHEREAS, the son of J. Rand and Margaret Turley McNally, he was born November 10, 1917 in Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNally was a distinguished 1939 graduate of Boston College, received his master's degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1941 and his Ph.D. in Physics from MIT in 1943; and

WHEREAS, he served admirably as Chief of the spectroscopy lab and conducted research in spectroscopy at MIT from 1939-1944; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNally was Instructor of Physics at MIT from 1944-1948; and

WHEREAS, he began his employment with Oak Ridge National Laboratories/ Union Carbide on June 30, 1948 conducting spectroscopy research until 1958. From 1958 until his retirement in 1982, Dr. McNally conducted fusion energy research at ORNL; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. McNally was a renowned figure at the laboratory and was praised for the excellent quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, he served as a highly sought consultant in fusion energy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McNally published more than 100 papers and reports in the fields of spectroscopy, atomic physics, nuclear fusion data, nuclear fusion configuration, and physics; and his numerous contributions were recognized by his selection as a member of *Who's Who of American Scientists*; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, which he served faithfully as eucharistic minister for many years; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Margaret Anne McNally; and was the proud parent of three daughters, Mary Wiesbrock, who is married to Fred Wiesbrock, Therese McNally, and Peggy Findley, who is married to Dave Findley, and four sons: Senator Randy McNally, who is married to Janice McNally, Pete McNally, who is married to Kathy McNally, Butch McNally, who is married to Rhonda McNally, and Michael McNally, who is married to Rosie McNally; and

WHEREAS, he was also a loving grandparent to Melissa Stubbs, Maggie McNally, Amy, Diana, Mark and Katy Wiesbrock, Scott and Patrick McNally, Kim Roberts, Margaret and Martha Wright, Stephen and Michael McNally, Sandra and Marco Villareal and Claire Findley; and two step-grandchildren, Andy and Chris Davis and two great-grandchildren, Haley Stubbs and Morgan McNally; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Dr. McNally leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. James Rand McNally, Jr. and extend our
deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, with this final resolving
clause omitted, be prepared for presentation.